

CCW Applicant Information

California State Law (Penal Code Section 12050) specifies the criteria for issuing a CCW license. The requirements are as follows:

Residency: An applicant must be a resident of Placer County (refer to Penal Code for 90-day business exception). Non-residents will be referred to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over their place of residence. Proof of residency in Placer County: Show two valid forms of proof of residency, such as a California Driver's License, current property tax bill with homeowners exemption, or utility bills. A post office box will not be considered an acceptable address.

Age: Applicant must have attained the age of 21 at the time of application.

Training: The applicant must show current proof of attendance and a successful completion certificate from a Placer County Sheriff's Department or D.O.J. approved Concealed Carry Course containing modules on safety, the law, and the applicant's ability to handle a firearm safely. The course will be a minimum of 8 hours as required by state law.

Good Character: An Applicant will demonstrate a reputation of good moral character, with respect to his/her ability to responsibly and safely carry a concealed weapon. This may be established during the investigative interview and letters from reputable references.

Good Cause: An applicant must establish good cause to support his/her request for a concealed weapon permit. The mere fact that a permit has been issued in the past does not, in itself, justify the renewal of a concealed weapons permit. Cause may vary among the following factors: degree or frequency of exposure to harm, employment, demographics and victimization or risk to applicant averted by granting a CCW permit. In making a determination as to reasonable cause, the Sheriff will consider all available information and, where there exists a sufficient connection between the approval of a CCW permit and the avoidance of victimization, make that decision most beneficial to public good and safety. The mere fear of victimization or the desire to carry a firearm is insufficient. The Sheriff will rely first on objective standards, personal history, training and professional evaluations of the applicant, and secondly on subjective factors. The following are examples of criteria that may establish good cause:

- Specific evidence that there has been or is likely to be an attempt by another to do great bodily harm to the applicant.
- The nature of the business or occupation of the applicant is such that it subjects the applicant to high personal risk or criminal attack.
- Business or occupation of the applicant requires frequent transportation of large sums of money or other valuables and alternative protective measures or security cannot be reasonably employed.
- Business or occupation is of a high-risk nature and requires the applicant's presence in a dangerous environment or area.

- The occupation or business of the applicant is such that no means of protection, security or risk avoidance, other than carrying a concealed firearm, is practical.
- Personal protection is warranted to mitigate a threat that the applicant is able to substantiate.

These examples are for reference and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

Considerations for Denial: The following are automatic reasons for the non-issuance of a CCW Permit:

- The Sheriff will not issue CCW permits to any individual falling under Penal Code Sections 12021, 12021.1 or Welfare and Institution Code Section

8100 W&I	871.5 W&I
8101 W&I	1001.5W&I
8103 W&I	
- Conviction of offenses which renders it unlawful to possess a firearm under Penal Code Section 12021 as follows:

71 PC	240 PC	273.5 PC	12023 PC
76 PC	241 PC	273.6 PC	12024 PC
136.1 PC	242 PC	417 PC	12034b PC
136.5 PC	243 PC	417.1 PC	12034d PC
140 PC	244.5 PC	417.2 PC	12040 PC
171b PC	245 PC	417.6 PC	12072 PC
171c PC	245.5 PC	422 PC	12100a PC
171d PC	246.3 PC	626.9 PC	12320a PC
186.28 PC	247 PC	12020 PC	12590 PC
- Subject of a Restraining Order issued by any Court.
- Conviction of Driving Under the Influence of Drugs/Alcohol within the past 5 years or has a criminal history such as substance or alcohol abuse
- Conviction of a felony.
- Convicted of 148 PC (resisting or interfering with an officer) or 242 PC (battery), within 5 years
- Conviction of a drug offense under the Health and Safety Code, within 5 years.
- Applicant does not reside in the County of Placer (see business exception above).
- Applicant has dishonorable discharge from military service.
- Applicant has history of mental illness.
- Applicant was previously denied a license to carry a concealed weapon.
- Applicant has had a concealed weapon's permit revoked.
- Applicant has a history of violence or unstable personality.
- Applicant is physically unable to handle or qualify in handling the weapon.
- Applicant is untruthful in any portion of the application or background investigation.

- Other cause to question residency, good cause for carrying concealed weapon, or suitability for carrying a concealed weapon.